First Congregational

United Church of Christ

111 S. Wallace Blvd. Ypsilanti, MI 48197

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An open and affirming community committed to peace and justice

January 30, 202 2
10:00 am

“Healing the World”
Second Sunday after Epiphany

Health and Human Services Sunday

No matter who you are or where you are on life’s journey,
You are welcome here!

WORSHIP ON ZOOM -- Zoom opens at 9:30 am Sunday morning.

https://us02web.zoom.us/j/7643282234

Meeting ID: 764 328 2234
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To join by phone, dial the number, 1-312-626-6799

- Welcome to Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC's Zoom Worship Service
- **Our Hybrid Worship Services are currently on a temporary pause.**
- **We will be worshiping on Zoom only through February 13, 2022 due to the Omicron surge.**
- **At that time, Church Council will re-evaluate whether to continue Zoom only worship or return to Hybrid Worship.**
- Hymns are included in the worship bulletin. A separate hymnal is not needed.
- If you are joining worship for the first-time on Zoom, please add your name and email to the chat so the Zoomie Greeter can introduce you.
- Thank you for choosing to worship with us today!

OPEN AND AFFIRMING COVENANT OF
First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti

First Congregational United Church of Christ, Ypsilanti celebrates everyone, including people of all ages, races, cultures, sexual orientations, gender identifies and expressions, family configurations, economic circumstances, physical, cognitive or emotional abilities, education or spiritual or religious traditions. All are welcome to participate fully in the life, leadership, ministry, and missions of this church as we seek to grow together in a safe, nurturing community of faith. We strive to demonstrate in all ways that "NO MATTER WHO YOU ARE OR WHERE YOU ARE ON LIFE'S JOURNEY, YOU ARE WELCOME HERE!"

PREPARING FOR WORSHIP

If you see what needs to be repaired and how to repair it, then you have found a piece of the world that God has left for you to complete. But if you only see what is wrong and what is ugly in the world, then it is you, yourself, that needs repair. Rabbi Menachem Mendel Schneerson

PRELUDE *Start Zoom Recoding to Cloud **ERIC BANITT**

"If Ever I Would Leave You", by Frederick Lowe

RINGING THE BELL **MARTY KLEINO**

WELCOME **PASTOR LIZ**

- A warm welcome to all, including first-time visitors.
- All people are invited to participate in this community of faith.
- Welcome to Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown for bringing the message to us today.

ANNOUNCEMENTS **IVAN HARNER**

- **COMMUNITY SHARING OF OTHER ANNOUNCMENTS:**
  - The Worship Leader will introduce the Greeter **Nancy Rohde**.
  - The Greeters will introduce folks participating in worship.
  - Please share your announcements so everyone can learn what is happening in our beloved ministry community.
  - Please submit written announcements to Margaret Harner, Worship Coordinator, margaretsharner@gmail.com, by midnight on Tuesday.

GATHERING TO WORSHIP

GATHERING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Sing a Different Song"
163 NCH

CALL TO WORSHIP (From *Psalm 71:1-6*) **IVAN HARNER**

Leader: In you, God, I have taken refuge; Let me never be put to shame.

People: In your righteousness, rescue me; and help me escape.

Leader: Turn your ear toward me, and deliver me.

People: Be for me a sheltering rock, where I can always come. You have determined to save me because you are my bedrock and stronghold.

Leader: My God, help me escape from the power of the wicked, from the grasp of the unjust and ruthless.

People: For you are my hope, *God Most High*, in whom I have trusted since I was young.

Leader: From birth I have relied on you; it was you who took me from my mother's womb.

People: Let us bless the work of God.

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"I'm Determined"
131 SING

LISTENING FOR GOD

FIRST READING **Jeremiah 1:4-10** **IVAN HARNER**

SECOND READING **Luke 4:21-30** **REV DAN**

HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless"
461 NCH

MORNING MESSAGE **"Healing the World"** **REV DAN**

CONVERSING WITH THE HOLY ONE

PRAYERS OF THE PEOPLE *Pause Zoom recording
*Zoomies: Please turn on your microphone

You are invited to share your joys and petitions for prayer.
Please unmute your microphone to share a joy or make a prayer of petition.
At the end of each joy or petition, please say **"God in your mercy"**
We will respond (with microphones muted) **"Hear our prayers"**

PASTORAL PRAYER *Restart Zoom recording **REV DAN**

DISCIPLES' PRAYER (Unison) *Microphone muted **REV DAN**

God who made us, formed us from clay, breathed life into us and all creation,
We praise you. We are loved with an unending love.
We invite you into the broken places in our own life, into our body, mind and spirit.
We pray for healing in those places.
And for the broken placed in the world around, teach us how to bring healing and hope.
May we be Christ's presence for others, embodying grace and peace.
May we heal our part of the world so Creation can be healed.
We offer all the world to you and ask your blessing on all in need.
May your Light shine brightly.
In the name of the One who loves, heals, and hopes, and is always with us and in us.
Amen

OFFERING

OFFERTORY INVITATION **REV DAN**

Our electronic giving platform is Tithe.ly: Link to Tithe.ly

**Checks or cash can also be placed
in the offering plate on the table in front of the pulpit
before or after the service.**

**Or, checks can be mailed to:
First Congregational United Church of Christ
PO Box 980413, Ypsilanti, MI 48198**

Thank you for your generosity!

OFFERTORY **"Healer of Our Every Ill"**, by Marty Haugen **ERIC BANITT**

DOXOLOGY *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

"Jesus, Jesus, Oh What a Wonderful Child" 136 NCH

*Jesus, Jesus, oh, what a wonderful child.
Jesus, Jesus, so holy meek and mild.
New life, new hope the Child will bring.
Listen to the angels sing,
"Glory, glory, glory," let the heavens ring!*

PRAYER OF DEDICATION *Unison with Microphone muted **IVAN HARNER**

**O God of all gifts, we join with Jesus in proclaiming the year of your favor:
To bring good news to the poor.
To proclaim release to the captives, to let the oppressed go free.
Bless our gifts.
Bless us as we seek to bring joy to those who are near and beloved,
and to those who are unknown to us.
Amen.**

DEPARTING WITH PRAISE

CLOSING HYMN *Microphone muted **TIFFANIE WALDRON**

**"We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed"
540 NCH**

BENEDICTION (RESPONSIVE) **REV DAN**

Leader: Christ has no body but yours.

People: No hands, no feet on earth but ours.

Leader: Yours are the eyes through which Christ looks with compassion on this world.

People: Ours are the feet with which Christ walks to do good.

Leader: Yours are the hands through which Christ blesses all the world.

People: Ours are the hands, ours are the feet, ours are the eyes. We are Christ's body.

Leader: Christ has no body on earth but yours. Amen.

People: Amen.

POSTLUDE **"Boogie Piano",** by Oscar Peterson **ERIC BANITT**

GOING FORTH MEDIATION: *Do not be daunted by the enormity of* ***the world's grief.*** *Do justly now, love mercy now, walk humbly now. You are not obligated to complete the work, but neither are you free to abandon it.* The Talmud

PASSING THE PEACE **FRIENDS GATHERED**

- Share a greeting with others as we transition to our casual **Friendship Time.**

Rev. Liz Larrivee, Pastor & Spiritual Director
Preacher: Rev. Daniel Kidder-McQuown
Tiffanie Waldron, Music Director
Eric Banitt, Accompanist

Jenn Zibbell, Seminary Intern
Ivan Harner, Worship Leader
Nancy Rohde, Greeter
Marty Kleino, Bell Ringer
Wayne Burling, Technical Worship Coordinator

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- **Prayer of Dedication and Benediction** (attributed to St. Teresa of Avila)**:** Adapted from Debbie Gline Allen, Commissioned Minister of Christian Formation, who serves as Minister of Faith Formation for the Southern New England Conference, and as the Director of its Faith Formation Leadership Program. Justice and Local Church Ministries, Faith INFO Ministry Team, United Church of Christ. ucc.org/worship-ways

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Welcome Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown! Rev Dan is serving this morning as our guest preacher. He is a Chaplain at St. Joseph Hospital in Ypsilanti. **Thank you, Dan,** for the generous sharing of your time, talent and gifts!

Annual Meeting of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC will be held Sunday, February 6,on Zoom, TBA. ANNUAL REPORTS WERE DUE TO PATTY BY 1-17.

Hybrid Worship Pause: January 11, 2022 Church Council decided to move to Zoom only worship through Sunday, February 11 due to the current coronavirus surge. Church Council will evaluate continuing Zoom only or returning to Hybrid worship at their February 8 meeting.

Worship next week: Jenn Zibbell, Worship Leader; Jeanette Sherrill, Greeter.
Interested in serving as a Worship Leader or Greeter, contact Margaret Harner at margaretsharner@gmail.com

Support of St. Joseph Mercy Hospital Night Staff during Covid-19 Surge Thanks for your generosity. Chaplain Rev. Dan Kidder-McQuown, who is serving on the night shift at St. Joes Hospital Ann Arbor, has already received a good supply of eco-friendly coffee cups/lids and individually wrapped candy/snacks for the overwhelmed clinical staff who care for severely ill hospitalized patients.still needs donations of local coffee ground for auto drip. Please check with Dan to find out the preferred coffee brands and flavors before purchasing. If you are interested in helping with this critical need, please contact Dan at 517-240-8413 or via email at mcq188@gmail.com. Marty Kleino (734-262-1419 or mgkleino@gmail.com), Congregational Life Team Lead, has volunteered to drop off donations to St. Joes. **Thank you Dan and Marty!**

New Worship Team Meeting Time: Mondays from 11:30 am to noon on Zoom.
If you have a role in leading worship (Worship Leader, Greeter, Guest Preacher, etc.--or are just someone interested in seeing how the cake is baked), please join in our lively conversation by attending this meeting and sharing your creativity, ideas and feedback. **Thank you to Core Worship Team Members (Tiffanie Waldron: Music Director, Donna Eyster: Moderator, Margaret Harner: Liturgical Worship Coordinator, Wayne Burling: Technical Worship Coordinator, and Jenn Zibbell: Seminary Intern** for collaborating in worship planning.

Kroger Fundraiser: Have you registered your Kroger card? We get a small check every quarter for purchases made using your card when it's registered. It's a simple process. Go to Kroger.com and click "**Register**" and follow the prompts to register your frequent shopper card number. Then link to the **Community Rewards** site and register with our church. Our number is **83262**, or you can find our name in the drop-down list. Any Questions: contact Barbara Garland at bargarland@yahoo.com or 734-662-5803.

Transit Equity Day, February 4

WeROC encourages everyone to join us for a Washtenaw County Transit Equity Day Panel and Community Forum on Friday, February 4 at 12pm EST. Our successful campaigns in the past with the UofM and AAATA bus systems helped clarify and improve some of the inequities across our County in what transit options are available -- but especially with the lessons of COVID, we still have a long way to go. Register here, and spread the word! http://bit.ly/TransitEquityFeb4 Transit Equity Day is a national day of action to commemorate the birthday of Rosa Parks and is hosted by a network of labor unions, transit rider unions, community orgs, and environmental groups.

The goal of this event is to highlight local transportation needs and kick off a campaign for an expansion of safe, reliable, and sustainable public transportation in Washtenaw County and a clear investment in the transit workforce. This is critical part of shifting from a climate-destroying fossil fuel powered economy to a climate-protecting, renewable-powered and regenerative economy, with a just transition for workers and the community!

The event will start with a panel discussion on local transportation needs followed by a time for question and answers. We will have panels discussing the history of transit in Washtenaw County, the role of the university in transportation needs, the experience of bus drivers, and climate and sustainability needs related to transportation! We will also have the opportunity to have breakout discussions on different topics related to local transportation needs including transportation and climate change, investments in transit workforces, and the role of local officials and the University of Michigan in expanding safe, equitable, and sustainable transportation for all!

OUR CHURCH'S MISSIONS

THE BEACON CENTER

The **Beacon Center** is the newest community social justice of the Ypsilanti First Congregational UCC. As a light to all persons, the Beacon Center's ministry will support the spiritual formation, creative expression, overall thriving and advocacy of at-risk students of all ages, including those affiliated with three primary local institutions of higher learning: Eastern Michigan University, Washtenaw Community College and University of Michigan. In the Spirit of the UCC moto, "That They All Shall Be One", Beacon Center serves as a uniting and unifying umbrella across our congregation serving persons sources through our three other community social justice ministry networks. Those ministries (each detailed below) include WICIR (Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights) serving the immigrant communities, MI-ONA (Michigan Open and Affirming Coalition) serving LGTBQ+ persons, and WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition) which brings together faith, labor and community organizations to address local issues.

The Beacon Center is committed to advocate for self-determination and education for all people, especially students living in poverty, persons of color experiencing racism, and other de-humanizing circumstances and conditions. Beacon Center's student demographics include persons of color, immigrants, minorities, LGTBQ+ folk, women, those with special needs, the economically disadvantaged, those facing housing insecurity, the financially challenged, and the working poor. For additional information on the Beacon Center, please contact Rev. Liz Larrivee at lizlarrivee@gmail.com

IMMIGRATION MINISTRY – WASHTENAW INTERFAITH COALITION FOR IMMIGRANT RIGHTS (WICIR)

Since 2008, **WICIR** has been working with, and in support of, immigrants in Washtenaw County facing challenges of many kinds. At our inception the primary need that brought us together was to support people facing enforcement action by ICE (Immigration and Customs Enforcement); most often detention, deportation, and removal. To date, WICIR has responded to 650 calls. Always in partnership with folks most affected, many actions and services have evolved as identified by our immigrant siblings, while always keeping focused on our original mission:

To provide culturally sensitive and supportive urgent response to those in Washtenaw County in immigration-related crises; impact local governmental policies to empower and protect immigrant community members; and work toward humane national immigration reform.

Our outreach has been significantly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic. Many in immigrant communities have experienced significant challenges as they struggle to pay rent, provide food for their families and other basic survival needs. To respond, WICIR, in partnership with Mexiquenses in Michigan (from St. Francis of Assisi Parish), has raised and distributed $200,000 relief funds to immigrants and their families. We have a waiting list of those still in need and will continue this effort as funds are available.

For information about what's happening with immigrant rights and **Washtenaw Interfaith Coalition for Immigrant Rights**, or if you are interested in learning ways to help, please contact Melanie Harner at melharner@gmail.com or through the WICIR website: https://wicir.org/. You can also find a link on the church website.

MICHIGAN OPEN & AFFIRMING COALITION

The Coalition brings together Michigan Conference UCC churches that have declared themselves to be Open and Affirming of people of all gender identities. For information about what's happening with **Michigan Open & Affirming Coalition**, or if you are interested in joining, please contact Wayne Burling (734-377-0696). More information can be found on their website http://www.mi-ona.org or on Facebook (http://www.facebook.com/groups/onami). You can also find a link on the church website.

WASHTENAW REGIONAL ORGANIZING COALITION

First Congregational is a founding institution of the local "organization of organizations" **WeROC (Washtenaw Regional Organizing Coalition)**. In many ways, WeROC is a larger illustration of the values and mission we try to live out at First Congregational. WeROC members are, at our core, focused on intentionally re-weaving the frayed fabric of community at a time when forces are at work every day to keep us fragmented, suspicious of each other, feeling isolated. Especially in this time when so many are being hit by the health and economic crises, WeROC's focus on raising voices of those most affected is more important than ever (See COVID-19 Resources at www.werocmi.org) WeROC's Mission Statement is:

WeROC brings together faith, labor, community organizations, and individuals to build the healthy collective power needed to break down the systems that sustain injustice, racism, and economic inequality.

WeROC is affiliated with the Detroit Metro organization MOSES and the Gamliel National Network. Contact Tad Wysor at tadwysor@gmail.com or 734-883-3225.

This past election year showed us good things can happen when we're working together in the same direction. WeROC is moving rapidly **forward** to keep momentum going and find ways to continue to be more effective together in making our communities healthier and more vibrant places; improving the lives of *everyone* in big ways-- especially those who are most vulnerable and whose voice have seldom been heard.

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150 Sing a Different Song

Isa. 9:2, 6–7; 42:10–11; Matt. 1:23

The Iona Community, 1987; alt.

Vigorously

D D

1 Sing a dif-ferent song now
2 Shout a dif-ferent shout now
3 Love a dif-ferent love now
4 Dance a dif-ferent dance now

(Introduction)

Em7/D D Em7 A7

Christ-mas is here, sing a song of peo-ple know-ing God's
Christ-mas is here, shout a shout of joy and gen - u - ine
Christ-mas is here, love with-out con-di - tion, love with - out
Christ-mas is here, dance a dance of war on suf - fering and

B Em7 A7 D

near: The Mes - si - ah is born in the
cheer: Fill the earth and the sky with the
fear: With the hum - ble and poor, with the
fear: Peace and jus - tice are one, in the

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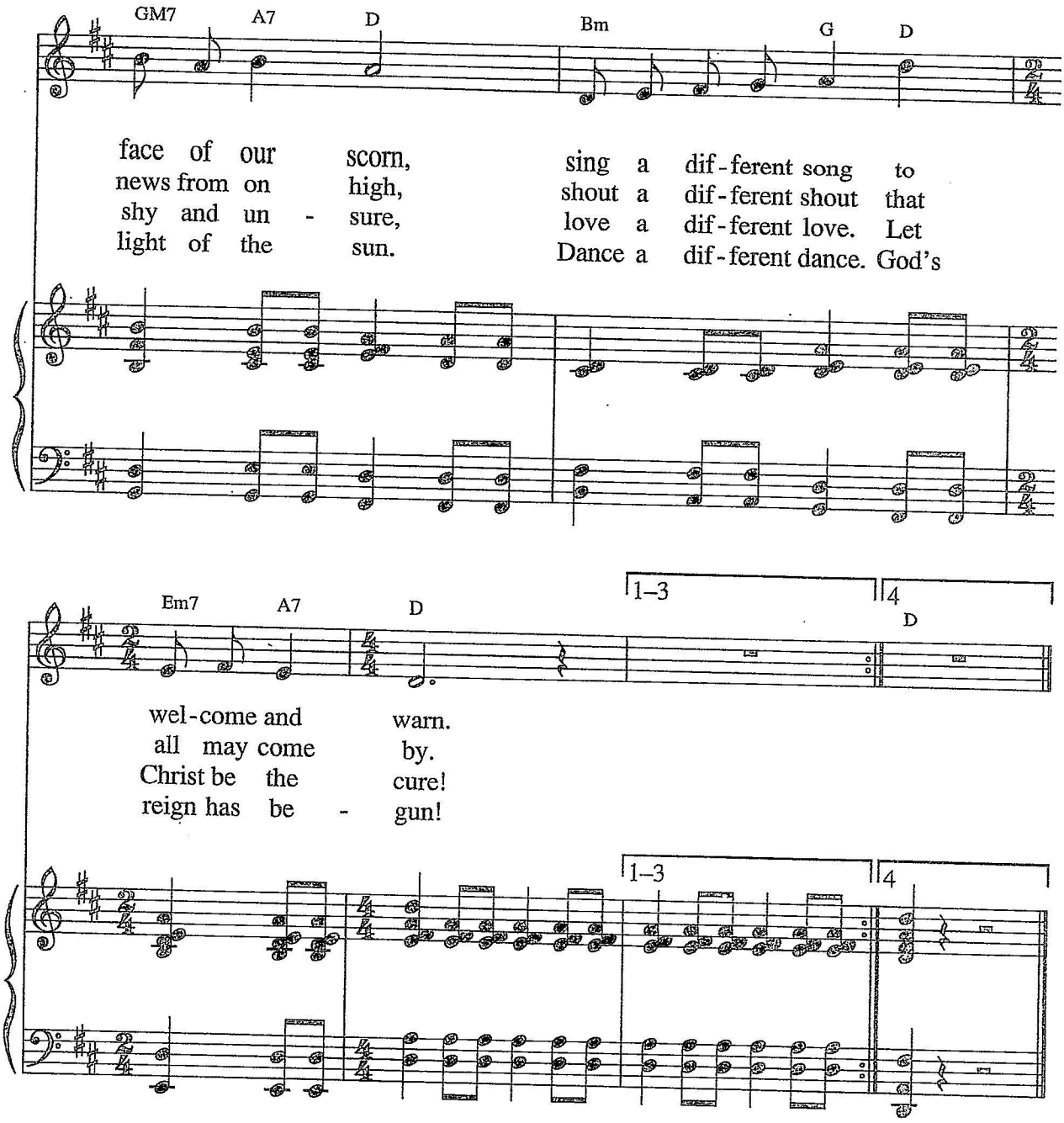

This lively new carol from The Iona Community of Scotland can be accompanied by drums and tambourines to enhance its dance-like quality. The text invites enthusiastic participation in celebrating the Christmas event.

Tune: DIFFERENT SONG 10.10.6.6.10.
John L. Bell, 1987

RESPOND

131 I'm Determined

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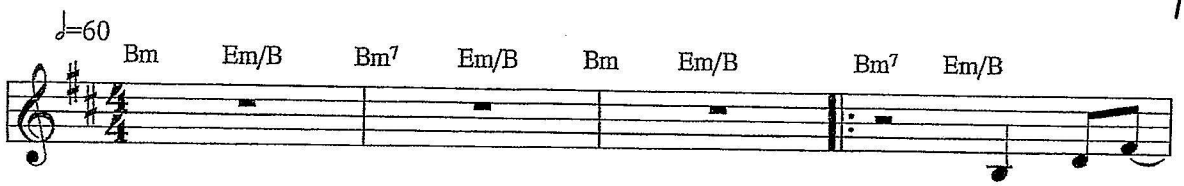

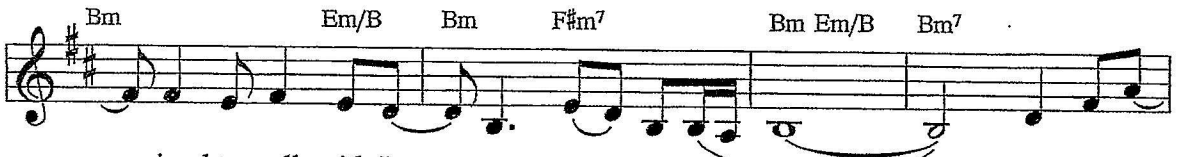

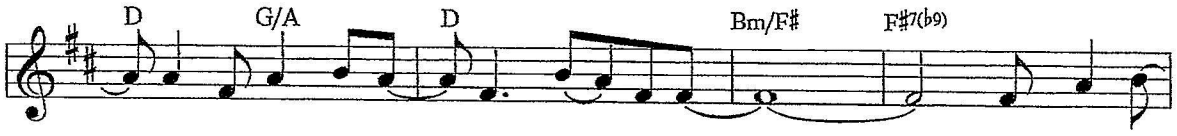

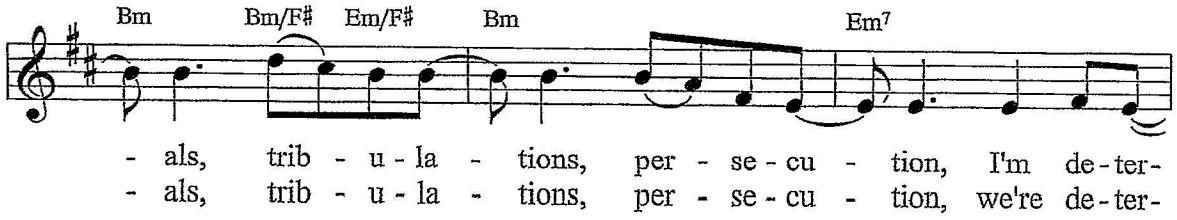

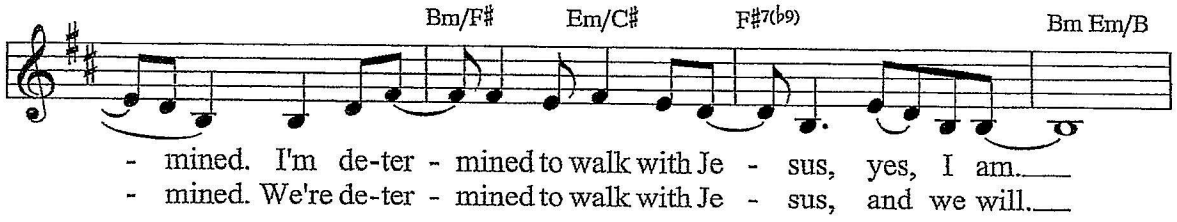

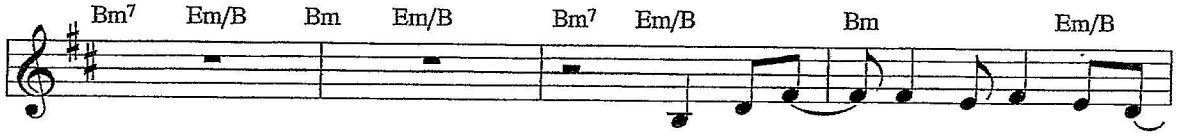

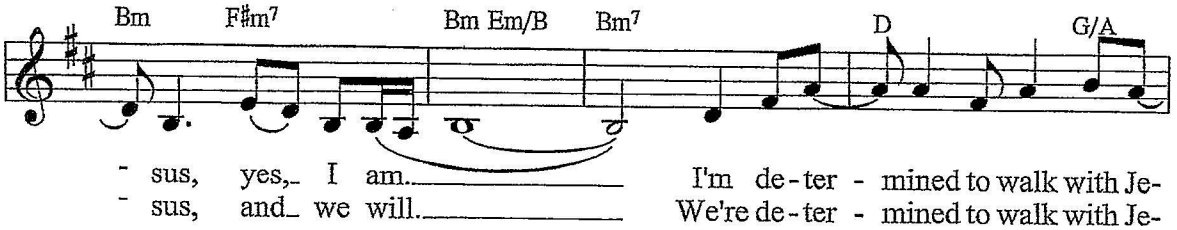

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D Bm/F♯ F♯7(♭9) Bm Bm/F♯ Em/F♯

- sus, yes, I am. Through all tri - als, trib - u - la-
- sus, and we will. Through all tri - als, trib - u - la-

Bm Em7

- tions, per - se - cu - tion, I'm de - ter - mined. I'm de - ter-
- tions, per - se - cu - tion, we're de - ter - mined. We're de - ter-

Bm/F♯ Em/C♯ F♯m7(♭9) Bm Em/B Bm7 Em/B

- mined to walk with Je - sus yes I am. I'm gon-na
- mined to walk with Je - sus, and we will. We're gon-na

Bm F♯/B Am6/B Bm

walk with Je - - sus. I'm gon-na
walk with Je - - sus. We're gon-na

F♯/B Am6/B Bm Em/B Bm

1. 2.

walk with Je - sus.
walk with Je - sus.

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461 Let Us Hope when Hope Seems Hopeless

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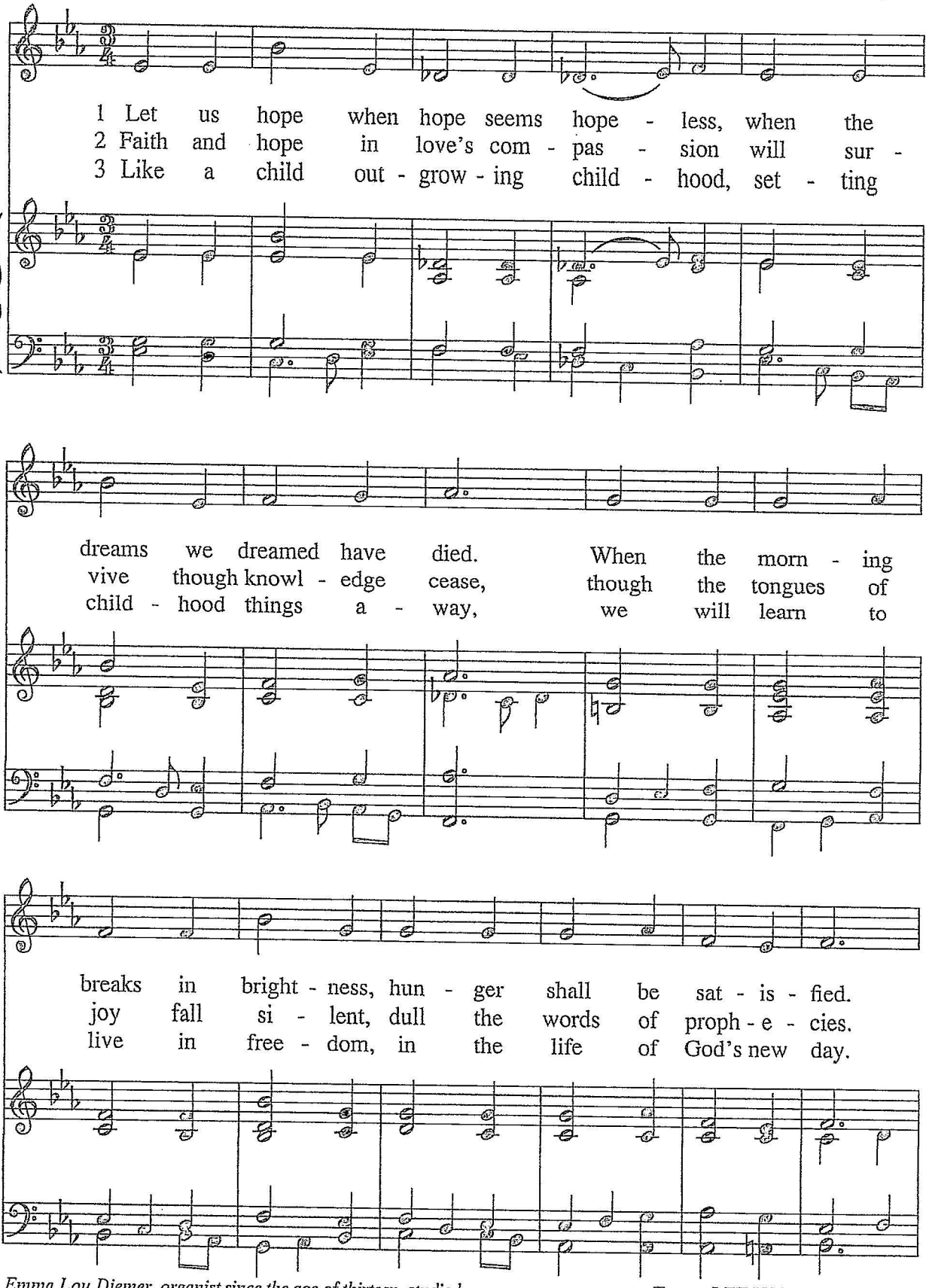
Ps. 126:5–6; Rom. 4:18; 1 Cor. 13

David Beebe, 1989



Emma Lou Diemer, organist since the age of thirteen, studied composition at Yale University and Eastman School of Music, and has published orchestra, chamber, choral, and organ works. David Beebe wrote this text while teaching a course on creative writing. A minister of the United Church of Christ, Beebe has served on the staff of the denomination's Stewardship Council.

Tune: LET US HOPE 8.7.8.7.D.
Emma Lou Diemer, 1994
Alternate tune: HYFRYDOL

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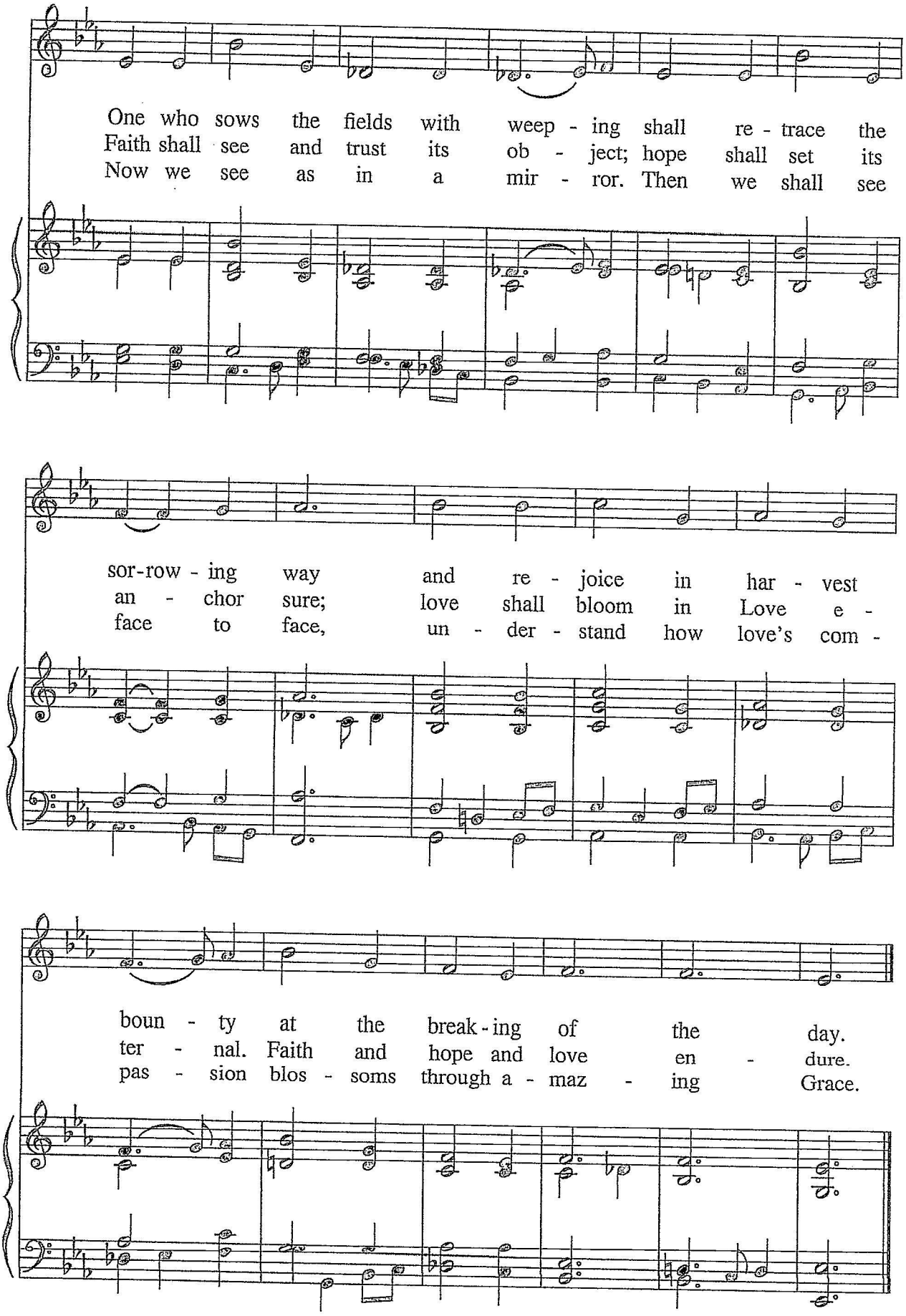
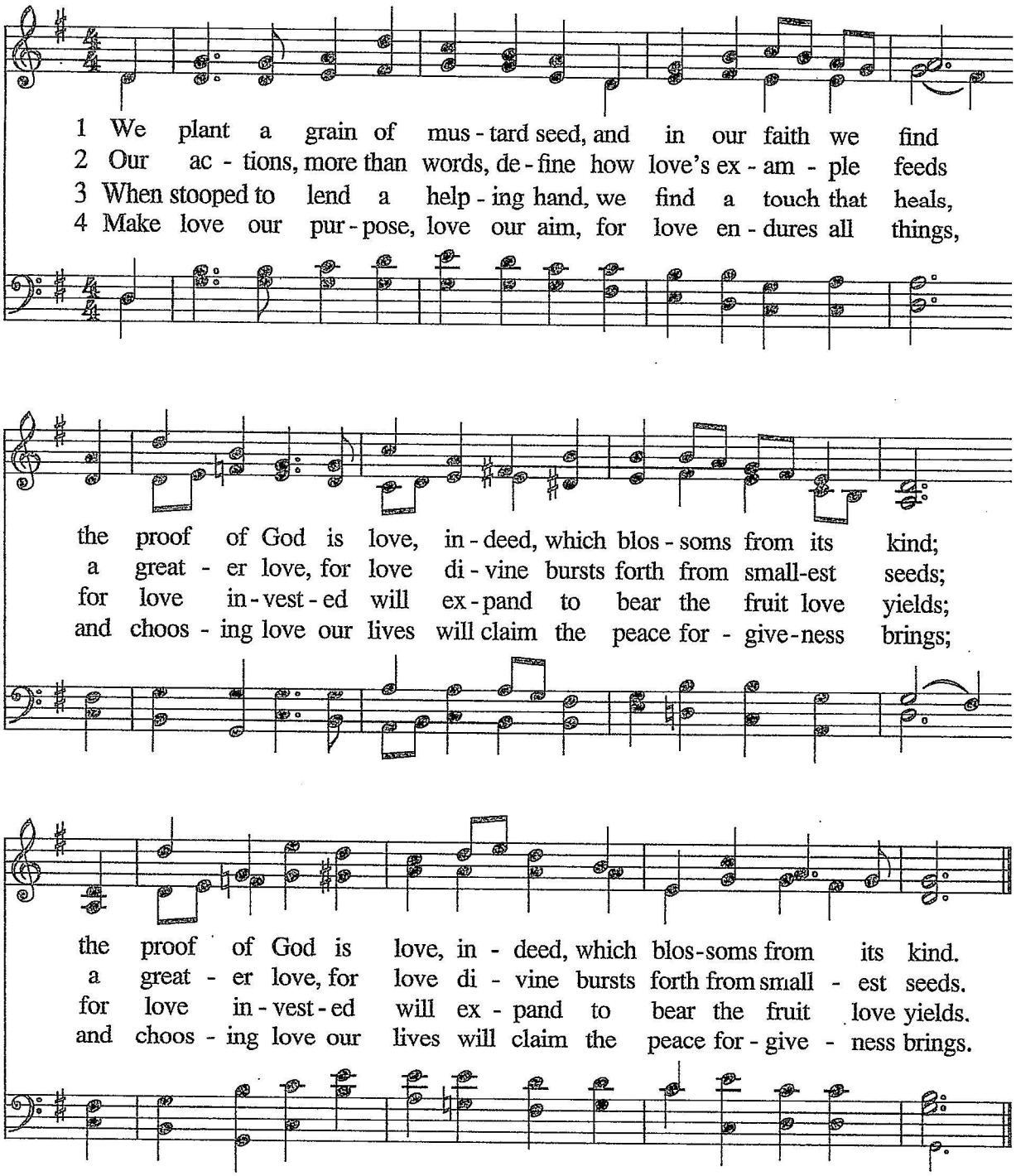

One who sows the fields with weep - ing shall re - trace the
Faith shall see and trust its ob - ject; hope shall set its
Now we see as in a mir - ror. Then we shall see
sor-row - ing way and re - joice in har - vest
an - chor sure; love shall bloom in Love e -
face to face, un - der - stand how love's com -
boun - ty at the break - ing of the day.
ter - nal. Faith and hope and love en - dure.
pas - sion blos - soms through a - maz - ing Grace.

540 We Plant a Grain of Mustard Seed

Matt. 13:31–32; Mark 4:30–32; Luke 13:18–19; John 13:34–35; 15:12–17

Mary Bryan Matney, 1990



5 So may our new be-gin-nings prove,
like liv-ing bread and wine,
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine;
that through our com-mon hu-man love
we taste what is di-vine.

6 Our lives will be ful-filled and blessed
if through the seeds we've sown
and by the love that we pro-fess
the love of Christ is known;
and by the love that we pro-fess
the love of Christ is known.

Mary Bryan Matney and Sally Ann Morris wrote this hymn in 1990 for the marriage of friends. In 1992, it won first prize in its category in a hymnwriting competition sponsored by the Charlotte, North Carolina, chapter of the American Guild of Organists.

Tune: NEW BEGINNINGS 8.6.8.6.8.6.
Sally Ann Morris, 1990